



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Christiansen et al.

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Title: Flexible Multi-Shock Shield

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Responsive to the Office Action dated June 26, 2002, reconsideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

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Please cancel claims 23-26.
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Please replace claims 16, 17, and 27 with the following claims:

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| 1 | 16. The particle shield of claim 1, wherein the protective cover is optically reflective. |
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| 1 | 17. A protection system against hypervelocity particles, comprising: |
| 2 | means for shocking the impacting hypervelocity particles; |
| 3 | means for supporting the shocking means in a resilient manner; |
| 4 | means for enclosing the shocking means in a cover layer; and |
| 5 | means for securing the shocking means on a structure to be protected. |

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